

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128
ORIGIN PRS-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-02 NEA-10 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00
CCO-00 /029 R

DRAFTED BY S/PRS:E FRANK:MDR
APPROVED BY S/PRS:E FRANK
S/S :JETHYDEN

-----015077 112200Z /63
O 112142Z DEC 77 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

FOR HODDING CARTER FROM S/PRS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY SAT/SUN DEC 10/11, TV
NEWS DEC 10

NO. 16
WIRES

UPI--JIM ANDERSON FROM CAIRO

LEAD: "PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS
VANCE AGREED SATURDAY ON A STRATEGY FOR MAINTAINING THE
MOMENTUM OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING UP-
GRADING THE CAIRO CONFERENCE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LEVEL
WHICH WOULD BRING IN VANCE."

OTHER POINTS:

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

--AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL PROCEDURAL POINTS INCLUDING UPGRADING
THE CAIRO CONFERENCE TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL IF POSSIBLE; LEAV-
ING PLACES AT CONFERENCE TABLE IN CAIRO OPEN FOR SYRIA,
JORDAN AND PLO, DESPITE THEIR STATED INTENTION TO BY-PASS
CAIRO; LEAVING DURATION OF CAIRO TALKS OPEN.

--THE CAIRO CONFERENCE SHOULD LAY GROUNDWORK FOR AN
ULTIMATE GENEVA SETTLEMENT, A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE.

JIM ANDERSON FROM TEL AVIV

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE SATURDAY DECLARED FULL AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE INITIATIVE AND SAID HE CAME TO THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM TOWARD A SETTLEMENT."

OTHER POINTS:

--THE SECSTATE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO JERUSALEM FOR ROUND OF TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND OTHER TOP ISRAELI OFFICIALS.

--AFTER TWO HOURS OF TALKS THE SECSTATE SAID THAT HE REPORTED TO THE ISRAELI LEADERS ON HIS MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

--ASKED IF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE IS TO BE UPGRADED TO FM LEVEL, HE SAID "AT THIS POINT WE WILL START WITH THE CURRENT EFFORT. I WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT."

--FM MOSHE DAYAN SAID VANCE'S VISIT AT THIS TIME HAS A "SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE" BECAUSE IT CAME ONLY THREE WEEKS TO UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

THE DAY AFTER SADAT'S MOMENTOUS TRIP TO ISRAEL AND ONLY DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DAY OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE.

REUTERS--ROY GUTMAN FROM JERUSALEM

LEAD: "ISRAELI AND US OFFICIALS TODAY DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WAYS OF MAINTAINING A MIDDLE EAST PEACE MOMENTUM, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ELEVATING THIS WEEK'S PRELIMINARY PEACE TALKS WITH EGYPT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' LEVEL."

OTHER POINTS:

--PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH VANCE LAST NIGHT IT WAS "QUITE POSSIBLE" THAT CAIRO WOULD BE UPGRADED FROM THE EXPERTS' LEVEL.

--THIS WOULD DEPEND ON PRESIDENT SADAT WHO CONVENED THE MEETING.

--A US SPOKESMAN SAID MR. VANCE AND MR. BEGIN HAD SIX HOURS OF TALKS SCHEDULED FOR THE DAY DURING WHICH THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE CAIRO MEETING WHICH STARTS WEDNESDAY AND POSSIBLE FURTHER STEPS TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE MOMENTUM INITIATED BY MR. SADAT'S HISTORIC VISIT TO JERUSALEM.

P NOT SENDING DURING SAT. NIGHT SUN. MORNING.
AP NOT SENDING DURING SAT. NIGHT SUN. MORNING.

NEWSPAPERS

- SPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST--JONATHAN RANDAL FROM DAMASCUS (DEC. 10)

LEAD: "U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE HAS POSTPONED HIS VISIT HERE BY 24 HOURS AT SYRIAN REQUEST REPORTEDLY TO ALLOW PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO CONFER WITH A HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET EMISSARY, EXPECTED SUNDAY, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY."

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

OTHER POINTS:

--THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE SOVIET MISSION ...THE TIMING OF THE REPORTED SOVIET VISIT WOULD UNDERLINE SYRIAN DETERMINATION TO RESIST VANCE'S BLANDISHMENTS AIMED AT PERSUADING SYRIA AND JORDAN TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S CAIRO TALKS AND SOMEHOW PREVENTING A FURTHER SPLIT IN THE ARAB WORLD.

--ASSAD IS SAID TO HAVE WELCOMED THE VANCE VISIT BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES REMAINS ON RECORD AS FAVORING A COMPREHENSIVE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT--EVEN IF HE FEARS A SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE.

MURREY MARDER IN WASHINGTON

LEAD: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS ABANDONED HOPE FOR MOVING IN TANDEM WITH THE SOVIET UNION TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE SETTLEMENT ANY TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE, OFFICIALS NOW PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGE."

OTHER POINTS:

--AS RESULT OF DIPLOMATIC BLITZ CONDUCTED BY EGYPTIAN PRES. SADAT, THE U.S. HAS SHIFTED INSTEAD TO A THREE-STAGE POLICY OF SUPPORTING OVER-LAPPING COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY PEACE ACCORDS, WHICH WOULD (IF OBTAINABLE) LEAD TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE AT THE THIRD STAGE, WITH AMERICAN AND SOVIET GUARANTEES FOR THE OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

--WHETHER THE TRIPLE FORMULA OF AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE SETTLEMENT LINKED TO AN ISRAEL-JORDAN SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST BANK TERRITORIES QUESTION, CULMINATING IN A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE AT GENEVA WILL MATERIALIZE IS BEYOND ANYONE'S ABILITY TO FORECAST, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAY. SECSTATE VANCE IS NOW MAKING A ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR KEEPING THESE OPTIONS

PAGE 05 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

SIVE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE AT GENEVA WILL MATERIALIZE IS BEYOND ANYONE'S ABILITY TO FORECAST, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAY. SECSTATE VANCE IS NOW MAKING A ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR KEEPING THESE OPTIONS

OPEN.

--THE U.S. IS NOW COMMITTED TO A COURSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH NEITHER IT NOR THE SOVIET UNION CAN CONTROL. SADAT'S TOUR DE FORCE HAS SUCCEEDED SPECTACULARLY UP TO NOW, WHEN BEGIN AND SADAT WILL DETERMINE THEIR MUTUAL FATE.

NEW YORK TIMES--BERNARD GWERTZMAN FROM CAIRO.

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE OBTAINED PRESIDENT ANWAR EL-SADAT'S PLEDGE TODAY THAT THE CAIRO CONFERENCE OPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY TO PREPARE A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD BE OPEN-ENDED AND WOULD SERVE AS A STEPPING STONE TOWARD AN OVERALL ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE ACCORD, NOT A FORUM FOR ACHIEVING A SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT."

OTHER POINTS:

--AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT HIS VILLA, SADAT DISCLOSED THAT HE AND VANCE HAD ALSO AGREED THAT THE CAIRO MEETING WOULD HAVE A FLEXIBLE AGENDA, NO FIXED TIME-TABLE, AND SEATS FOR THOSE BOYCOTTING THE PRELIMINARY GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR THEM TO RECONSIDER.

--VANCE SEEMED TO WARN THE PLO THAT ITS ARAB MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PALESTINIANS HAD COME INTO QUESTION BECAUSE OF THE PLO'S REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THE RECENT CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI.

--VANCE INSISTED THAT "OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT...THE CAIRO MEETING WILL BE A STEP IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

WAY."

--SADAT SAID THAT THE CAIRO MEETING WAS SET UP TO ACHIEVE THE "PRINCIPLES FOR GENEVA...THE TIME IS OPEN, THE DISCUSSION IS OPEN...WE HAVE AGREED TODAY WITH SECRETARY VANCE. WE SHOULD ALWAYS STOP FIXING OF DATES AS MUCH OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE IS WORKING AND PREPARING THE WAY TO GENEVA.

--SADAT AFFIRMED HIS VIEW THAT THE US WAS STILL AN IMPORTANT PARTY, EVEN THOUGH EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD BEGUN DIRECT TALKS, HE SAID WASHINGTON "ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF ME AND THE ISRAELIS."

--SADAT REITERATED A DENIAL THAT HE WAS CONVENING THE CAIRO CONFERENCE TO ENTER INTO A SEPARATE PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL AS CHARGED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND HIS ARAB CRITICS AND SAID THAT HE COULD HAVE SIGNED A SEPARATE ACCORD IN JERUSALEM OR BEFORE OR AFTER HIS TRIP TO ISRAEL, "BUT OUR

REAL AIM WILL ALWAYS BE A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT."

FLORA LEWIS IN CAIRO.

LEAD: "PRESIDENT ANWAR EL-SADAT GAVE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WHAT AMOUNTED TO A WARNING TODAY TO REVERSE ITS STAND AND SUPPORT HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL."

OTHER POINTS:

--THE IMPLIED THREAT WAS THAT OTHERWISE HE AND POSSIBLY KING HUSSEIN WOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES RELEASED FROM A COMMITMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO AS THE "SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 07 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

NYT EDITORIAL (NO BYLINE)

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE IS TOURING THE MIDDLE EAST THIS WEEKEND TO LEARN HOW WE CAN LEARN TO DEAL WITH THE DECK THAT ANWAR EL-SADAT HAS ENERGETICALLY RESHUFFLED. THE RADICAL TURN OF EVENTS IN THE REGION SEEMS FINALLY TO HAVE BEEN FACTORED INTO AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER SYRIA, JORDAN AND, ABOVE ALL, SAUDI ARABIA ARE STILL PLAYING."

TV EVENING NEWS, DECEMBER 10

THE VANCE TRIP

ABC-TV EVENING NEWS, JOHN SCALI.

ANCHOR TOM JARRIEL: SECRETARY VANCE TODAY BEGAN HIS MIDDLE EAST SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WITH STOPS IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV. VANCE SAYS HIS GOAL IS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, NOT JUST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. JOHN SCALI IS TRAVELING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

SCALI: ISRAEL'S FM MOSHE DAYAN WAS ON HAND TO GREET SECRETARY VANCE AS HE ARRIVED DIRECT FROM CAIRO ON THE SECOND STOP OF THIS MIDDLE EAST VISIT. AN HOUR LATER VANCE MET WITH PM BEGIN AND SENIOR CABINET MEMBERS IN JERUSALEM. EARLIER VANCE HAD CALLED ON EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT AT HIS CREAM-COLORED COUNTRY ESTATE SOME 25 MILES FROM CAIRO. HE FOUND THE EGYPTIAN LEADER IN A CONFIDENT, BOUYANT MOOD OBVIOUSLY RELISHING THE WORLDWIDE ACCLAIM THAT HE HAS RECEIVED EVER SINCE HIS BOLD PEACE VISIT TO JERUSALEM.

THE TWO MEN MET IN PRIVATE FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS, THEN JOINED THEIR AIDES AROUND A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CAIRO PEACE CONFERENCE. SADAT AFTERWARD TOLD

REPORTERS WHAT ROLE HE EXPECTS THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 08 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

WHEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS FINALLY MEET FACE TO
FACE.

-- SADAT: THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF ME
-- AND THE ISRAELIS, AND THIS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.
-- WHENEVER THERE IS A GULF BETWEEN US, THE UNITED STATES
-- FOR SURE CAN BRING US TOGETHER.

SCALI (CONTD): WHEN HE MEETS NEXT WITH PM BEGIN IN JERU-
SALEM, SECRETARY VANCE WILL RELAY A CONFIDENTIAL SADAT
APPEAL THAT THE ISRAELIS MAKE SOME QUICK AND VISIBLE CON-
CESSIONS...(CAIRO)

NBC-TV NIGHTLY NEWS, RICHARD VALERIANI.

ANCHOR JOHN HART: SECRETARY VANCE IS GOING AROUND THE
MIDDLE EAST VISITING SIX COUNTRIES THERE, SAYING THAT THE
UNITED STATES IS ALL FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S NEW DIPLOMACY.
LAST NIGHT EGYPT; TONIGHT ISRAEL. RICHARD VALERIANI IS
WITH HIM.

VALERIANI: VANCE WAS THE FIRST HIGH-RANKING AMERICAN OFFI-
CIAL TO MEET WITH SADAT SINCE THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S
HISTORICAL VISIT TO JERUSALEM. FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS
THEY DISCUSSED HOW THE UPCOMING DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN EGYPT
AND ISRAEL IN CAIRO CAN PAVE THE WAY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND A POSSIBLE GENEVA PEACE CONFER-
ENCE. AFTERWARD, AT A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE CARRIED LIVE
BY EGYPTIAN TELEVISION, SADAT SAID THE PALESTINE LIBERA-
TION ORGANIZATION HAS VIRTUALLY EXCLUDED ITSELF FROM THE
NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS POINT, AND HE WAS HARD PUT TO DEFINE
WHAT THE AMERICAN ROLE WOULD BE.
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 09 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

-- SADAT: ...WHENEVER THERE IS A GULF BETWEEN US, THE
-- UNITED STATES FOR SURE CAN BRING US TOGETHER.

VALERIANI (CONTD): VANCE SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO HELP THE CAIRO CONFERENCE SUC-
CEED. SOURCES HERE SAID EGYPT HOPES THAT THE DIRECT TALKS
WITH ISRAEL WILL PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT ON THREE PRINCIPLES
FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT INVOLVING ALL THE COUNTRIES
IN THE AREA. ONE, NO OCCUPATION OF TERRITORY TAKEN BY
FORCE; TWO, GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ISRAEL; AND THREE, A
RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

VANCE THEN FLEW TO ISRAEL WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY FM MOSHE

DAYAN. DAYAN IS EXPECTED TO GO TO CAIRO HIMSELF AS SOON AS BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE FM'S IS REQUIRED FOR THEIR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. FROM THE AIRPORT VANCE WENT DIRECTLY TO A MEETING WITH PM BEGIN IN JERUSALEM. THE ISRAELIS ARE STILL WORKING ON THEIR RESPONSE TO THE SADAT INITIATIVE, AND THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN URGING THEM TO BE FLEXIBLE AND FORWARD LOOKING. BEGIN DESCRIBED THEIR TWO HOURS OF TALKS AS VERY SERIOUS AND HELPFUL. A FULL DAY OF TALKS IS SCHEDULED TOMORROW. (ISRAEL)

CBS-TV EVENING NEWS, BOB SIMON.

ANCHOR BOB SCHIEFFER: SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE TODAY ENGAGED IN WHAT HIS PREDESSOR CALLED SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. HE MET FIRST IN CAIRO WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, THE TWO TELLING REPORTERS AFTERWARD THAT THEY AGREED THAT NEXT WEEK'S ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TALKS IN CAIRO SHOULD BE OPEN ENDED. SADAT SAID HE HOPES THE TALKS, ALSO TO BE ATTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE UN REPRESENTATIVES, CAN BE UPGRADED TO THE FM LEVEL WITHIN A MONTH.

VANCE THEN FLEW ON TO ISRAEL WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY PM
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 10 STATE 295737 TOSEC 120128

BEGIN AND FM DAYAN.

-- VANCE: WE ARE AT AN HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF
-- THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- BEGIN: THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO LAY THE FOUNDATION
-- FOR REAL PEACE FOR US AND OUR NEIGHBORS.

SIMON: AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE DESCRIBING THE VANCE TRIP AS PRIMARILY A FACT-FINDING MISSION, AND FOR ONCE THAT WELL-WORN PHRASE REFLECTS THE TRUTH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE '73 WAR THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE VANGUARD OF MIDEAST DIPLOMACY. VANCE IS HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND TO OFFER AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT. CHRISTOPHER

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 22-Sep-1999 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOSEC, PRESS SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE295737
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: S/PRS:E FRANK:MDR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: D770461-0407
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197712111/baaaeuqf.tel
Line Count: 369
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c8f45dfc-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN PRS
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 7
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 119387
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY SAT/SUN DEC 10/11, TV
TAGS: SOPN, OVIP, (VANCE, CYRUS R), (SADAT, ANWAR)
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c8f45dfc-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009